

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

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Claim 1 (Currently amended): A portable, engine-powered hand tool comprising:

a housing (10) with a rotatable shaft (11) releasably connected to a rotatable cutting tool (13);

a locking pin (17) that is movable along its axis inside a hole (16) in the housing (10) to a locking position, wherein the locking pin interferes with the rotation of the shaft (11) to lock the shaft (11) in a non-rotating position when the locking pin is in the locking position; and

a magnet (19) carried by the housing at a distance from the ~~locking pin rotatable cutting tool~~ that permits magnetic communication between the magnet and the locking pin when the locking pin is in the locking position, wherein the magnet communication between the magnet and the locking pin retains the locking pin (17) in its locking position to facilitate removal and installation of the cutting tool on the shaft.

1 **Claim 2 (Original):** A tool according to claim 1,
2 wherein the locking pin (17) is made of a magnetic material
3 and the magnet (19) is fastened to the housing (10).

1 **Claim 3 (Original):** A tool according to claim 1,
2 wherein the magnet (19) is a neodymium magnet.

1 **Claim 4 (Previously amended):** A tool according to
2 claim 1, wherein a fastening device (12) for the cutting
3 tool is attached to the shaft (11) and is provided with an
4 opening (18) with an axial centerline that is alignable
5 with an axial centerline of the hole (16) in the housing,
6 wherein the locking pin (17) can be inserted into the
7 opening (18).

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1 **Claim 5 (Previously amended):** A tool according to
2 claim 1, wherein the housing (10) is a gear box housing for
3 a clearing saw and the cutting tool (13) is a circular saw
4 blade.

1 **Claim 6 (Currently amended):** In a portable,
2 engine-powered, hand tool having a circular saw blade
3 releasably fixed to an end of a rotatable shaft, the
4 improvement comprising:

5 a locking pin of magnetic material movable along its
6 axis inside a hole (16) in the housing (10) from a
7 non-locking position to a locking position that locks the

8 rotatable shaft in a fixed position to facilitate
9 installation and removal of the saw blade, the tool
10 including a magnet carried by the housing at a distance
11 from the ~~locking pin~~ rotatable cutting tool that permits
12 magnetic communication between the magnet and the locking
13 pin for holding the locking pin in its non-locking and
14 locking positions.

1 **Claim 7 (New):** A tool according to claim 1 wherein the
2 magnet is positioned adjacent to and in communication with
3 the hole.